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Street Swimmers Step Up in Arena Premier League

Street and District Swimming Club began their campaign in the Premier League of the Western Arena League at Hutton Moor competing against some of the top clubs in the west of England, who have olympic medalists and national record holders amongst their ranks. It was to prove a challenging competition and the team fought hard to earn the points that eventually led to them placing 4th in the gala.

In the open age group there were stand-out performances from Jacob Greenow, who finished first in the 200m IM, Chloe Edrich who won the 100m Breaststroke and Rob Holderness, also first in the 100m Breast. Beth Newton took 2nd in the 100m Back and the 100m Free. Both medley relay teams did very well with the Girls team of Chloe, Beth, Charlotte Manser and India Cooper placing 2nd and the Boys team of Jacob, Rob, Ollie Willes and Liam Williams also taking 2nd. The Mens Cannon freestyle team which also featured Herbie Hallett and Dominic Inder-Goode managed to snatch a late 2nd place after a storming last leg by Liam.

In the 15 and under Ollie Willies took 3rd in the 100m Free. Tommy Edgar swam 1.12.99 in the 100m Breast to place 4th and Robert White swam a brave 1.09.59 in the 100m Fly to place 5th. For the Girls, Georgia Hill placed 4th in the 100m Breast and Tori Evans 5th in the Fly. The Boys freestyle team of Ollie, Sean Robinson, Sam Bonds and Alex Rendall fought hard to earn 3rd place. The Girls relay team of Georgia, Tori, Joanna Black and Imogen Rogers were up against very tough opposition and swam out of their skins for their 6th places; all the girls had to swim in both relays as well as Joanna and Tori swimming up in the Cannon.

In the 13 and under Jessica Edwards placed 3rd in the 100m Free and Maisie Banwell swam 1:12.25 to place 4th in the 100m Fly. Erica Varney placed 4th in the 100m Back and Yasmin Mahey was 4th in the 100m Breast in 1.28.80. The Girls medley team featuring these four swimmers came 3rd and the freestyle team with Lily Williams and Jessica Hudson placed 4th. For the boys James White took 3rd in the 100m Breast in 1:24.22, Albert Tidball-Zapp took 4th in the 100m Fly with a typically gutsy performance and Toby Webster finished 5th in the 100m Back. The medley team with Charlie Cook on the breaststroke leg finished 3rd and the freestyle team featuring Jake Fouracres was 4th in a close finish.

In the 11 and under, Ruby Varney had a stunning swim to place 2nd in the 50m Back. Kaylee Nisbet and Tegan Lawton, both competing in the competition for the first time finished 5th in their races. Other debutants included James Carr who swam a feisty 50m Free in 36.20 to finish 4th, Luke Bonds who placed 5th in the 50m Back and Charlie Hill who was 5th in the 100m Breast. The Boys freestyle team featuring Harvey Pike and Fin Hunter-Clarke placed 5th as did the Girls team which included Emma White and Eve Chaggar-Goode.

A club spokesman said "We knew that competing in the Premier League would be a step up. Three of the teams in this league finished in the top four in the national final last year. However we are pleased with our first round performance which leaves us in mid-table position. This is a very encouraging start and we hope to do better still in the next round. Well done to all the swimmers for their brilliant swims many of which were personal bests."